

Worship for All

Service for Mothering Sunday

14 March 2021

WELCOME

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OPENING PRAYER

God our Father,
your Son Jesus Christ lived in a family at Nazareth.

As we meet together now
help us to learn more about what it is
to love our families and friends as you love us.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

HYMN

SAYING SORRY TO GOD

Heavenly Father, parent of us all,
we know we don't always treat each other
as you want us to.

**Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.**

There are times when we insist on
getting our own way despite what others feel.

**Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.**

Sometimes we increase the tension
when we ought to seek peace,
or say things which hurt one another.

**Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving.**

God has loved us, sending his Son Jesus
to show us the true meaning of forgiveness.

**Lord God, forgive us;
and help us to be more loving. Amen.**

May the God of love and power
forgive us
and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life
in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

1 Samuel 1.20-28

In the course of time Hannah conceived and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, “Because I asked the LORD for him.”

When the man Elkanah went up with all his family to offer the annual sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfil his vow, Hannah did not go. She said to her husband, “After the boy is weaned, I will take him and present him before the LORD, and he will live there always.”

“Do what seems best to you,” Elkanah her husband told her. “Stay here until you have weaned him; only may the LORD make good his word.” So the woman stayed at home and nursed her son until she had weaned him.

After he was weaned, she took the boy with her, young as he was, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour and a skin of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD at Shiloh. When they had slaughtered the bull, they brought the boy to Eli, and she said to him,

“As surely as you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood here beside you praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD has granted me what I asked of him. So now I give him to the LORD. For his whole life he shall be given over to the LORD.”

And he worshipped the LORD there.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HEARING THE WORD OF GOD

2 Corinthians 1.3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ.

If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering.

Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN

GOSPEL READING John 19.25b-27

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

cf Ephesians 3

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray to the Lord.

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

At the end this response may be included:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We draw our prayers together
saying together the prayer
that Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

PEACE

God is love,
and those who live in love, live in God,
and God lives in them.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you.

And also with you.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

HYMN

BLESSING

May God, who gave birth to all creation,
bless us;

may God, who became incarnate
by an earthly mother, bless us;

may God, who broods as a mother
over her children, bless us.

May almighty God bless us,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Stay with us for tea, coffee and chat.

Some material in this service is copyright:

© 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA

© The Archbishops' Councils 2000, 2002, 2004